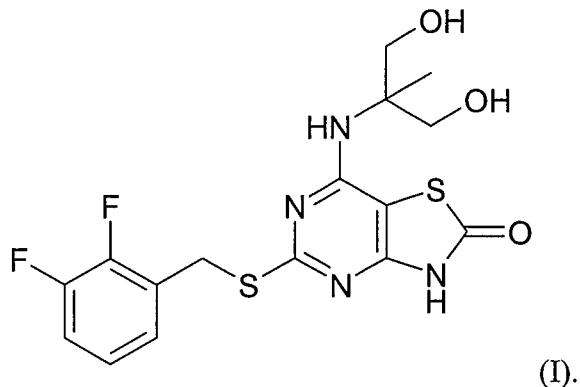


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

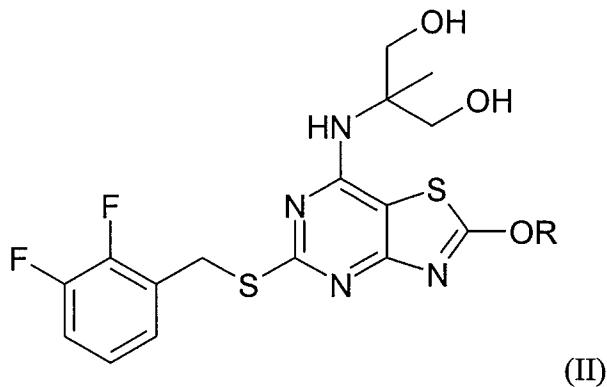
Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A monosodium salt of the compound of formula (I):



2-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of a the monosodium salt of a compound of formula (I) of claim 1, which comprises reaction of a compound of formula (II):



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where R is C₁₋₆ alkyl with an acid,
and thereafter forming a monosodium salt.

10-18. (Cancelled).

19. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the monosodium salt of the compound of Formula I of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent, or carrier.